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10:1 A **wise** judge will
instruct his people,
and the government
of a prudent man
is well ordered.

10:2 As the judge of
the people is himself,
so are his officers,
and what manner of
man the ruler of

**the city is,
such are all they
that dwell therein.**

**10: 3 An unwise king
destroyeth his
people, but through
the prudence of
them which are in
authority, the city
shall be inhabited.**

10: 4 The power of the

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**earth is in the hand of
the Lord, and in due
time he will set over
it one that is
profitable.**

**10:5 In the hand of
God is the prosperity
of man: and upon
the person of the
scribe shall he
lay his honour.**

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10: 6 Bear not hatred to thy neighbour for every wrong, and do nothing at all by injurious practices.

10: 7 **Pride** is hateful before God, and man: and by both doeth one commit iniquity.

10: 8 Because of unrighteous dealings,

**injuries, and riches
got by deceit, the
kingdom is
translated from one
people to another.**

**10: 9 Why is earth and
ashes proud? There is
not a more wicked
thing, than a covetous
man: for such an one
setteth his own soul**

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**to sale, because while
he liveth, he casteth
away his bowels.**

**10:10 The physician
cutteth off a long
disease, and he that
is to day a king, to
morrow shall die.**

**10:11 For when a man
is dead, he shall
inherit creeping**

things, beasts
and worms.

^{10:}**12** The beginning
of **pride** is, when one
departeth from God,
and his heart is turned
away from his maker.

^{10:}**13** For **pride** is the
beginning of sin, and
he that hath it, shall
pour out abomination:

and therefore the Lord
brought upon them
strange calamities,
and overthrew
them utterly.

^{10:}**14** The Lord hath
cast down the
thrones of proud
princes, and setup
the meek in
their stead.

10:15 The Lord hath
plucked up the roots
of the **proud** nations:
and planted the lowly
in their place.

10:16 The Lord
overthrew countries
of the heathen:
and destroyed them
to the foundations
of the earth.

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10:17 He took some of them away, and destroyed them, and hath made their memorial to cease from the earth.

10:18 **Pride** was not made for men, nor **furious anger** for them that are borne of a woman.

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10:19 They that fear the Lord are a sure seed, and they that love him, an honorable plant: they that regard not the Law, are a dishonorable seed, they that transgress the commandments,

are a deceivable
seed.

10:20 Among brethren
he that is chief is
honorable, so are
they that fear the
Lord in his eyes.

10:21 The fear of the
Lord goeth before
the obtaining
of authority: but

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roughness and **pride**,
is the losing thereof.

^{10:}**22** Whether he be
rich, noble, or poor,
their glory is the fear
of the Lord.

^{10:}**23** It is not meet
to despise the poor
man that hath
understanding,
neither is it

convenient to magnify
a sinful man.

^{10:}**24** Great men,
and judges, and
potentates shall be
honored, yet is
there none of them
greater than he that
feareth the Lord.

^{10:}**25** Unto the
servant that is wise,

shall they that are
free do service:
and he that hath
knowledge, will
not grudge when
he is reformed.

^{10:} **26** Be not overwise
in doing thy
business, and boast
not thyself in the
time of thy distress.

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10:27 Better is he
that laboreth and
aboundeth in all
things, than he that
boasteth himself,
and wanteth bread.

10:28 My son, glorify
thy soul in
meekness, and
give it honour
according

to the dignity
thereof.

10:29 Who will justify
him that sinneth
against his own soul?
and who will honour
him that dishonoreth
his own life?

10:30 The poor man is
honored for his skill,
and the rich man is

**honored for
his riches.**

10:31 He that is
honored in poverty,
how much more in
riches? And he that
is dishonorable in
riches, how much
more in poverty?